

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Listing of claims.

Claims 1-37 (Original).

38. (Currently Amended) An optical amplification module according to claim 35, wherein the optical waveguide region of said silica-based optical waveguide is codoped with P element and at least one of trivalent ions ~~Al and La elements~~.

Claims 39-44 (Original).